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Students rally at the State House

State colleges in trouble

by Meredith Lawrie
Strobe staff

Over 250 students from Fitchburg, Westfield, and Framingham State Colleges assembled at the State House last week to lobby state representatives about the changes the governor's Futures Commission is impending on the colleges.

The commission, which was recently organized by Governor William Weld, has made several proposals involving the integration of state and community college missions.

The Students present at the State House, of which 80% came from FSC, made their local state representatives aware of the negative impact these changes would generate on their colleges. Speaking on behalf of public education were Marjorie Clapgood and Representative Roosevelt, along with a selected number of students, all of whom were denouncing the perspective alterations

currently menacing the state college curriculum.

This potential merging of state college programs could greatly affect the FSC nursing department. According to the Futures Commission proposal, all health sciences agendas would gradually consolidate at Worcester State College, making FSC a predominately education/communications college.

Nursing Department Chairperson, Carol Gilbert, doesn't consider this a logical action. It is her view that the quality of education will be notably diminished as a result of the Futures Commission's proposal.

"Since 1943 the FSC Nursing Department has graduated over 2500 students," said Gilbert. "Worcester State is greatly underdeveloped in that it has only graduated two classes."

She also questions how Worcester State would be able to absorb

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Students demonstrate on State House steps

Strobe file photo

Voices echoed in Boston

by Linda Pearce
Contributing writer

Over 250 Massachusetts college students attended a rally at the State house to express their concerns about the future of higher education on Wednesday, December 4.

In January, a proposal by Governor William Weld is being voted on. If passed, this proposal will merge state colleges in Massachusetts, specifically Framingham, Fitchburg, and Westfield State, and each college will only then concentrate in specialized majors, rather than Liberal Arts. Thus, FSC will only major in communications and education.

Another issue evident

at the rally was the large yearly increases of fees and tuition for state college students. At Framingham State, students pay more money for fees than for tuition.

"People sent out the message that we are concerned about higher education"

-Shane Rodriguez

Chris Skiffington, Student Trustee of Westfield State, feels that there are many hostilities between the government and colleges because of frequent costly increases. "The government is at war with state colleges. We're not their enemies, we should be their allies...Our

peers are dropping like flies, not due to grades, but due to cost. Soon there will be no chance for the lower class to attend," said Skiffington.

Based on the U.S. Constitution, every citizen in this country is granted the right to an affordable, quality education. David Gagne, President of SGA at UMass, Amherst emphasized, "Education is America's only natural resource. Is affordable education a right? It is definitely an investment. We deserve a quality, affordable education. We need it and we deserve it. We will not stop until we get what we need. We are the future of the state."

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Michelle Long

On Thursday December 5, Channel 5 news anchor Susan Wornick came to Fitchburg State College. She spoke to students in the Ellis White Lecture Hall about her past court case that dealt with her refusal to divulge a news source. The event was sponsored by The Communication Honor Society.

Finals schedule changed

by Daniel Dobransky
Strobe staff

President Mara has approved changes in the final exam schedule for the Fall semester. This new schedule will move the final examinations which were planned for Monday, December 23, to Friday, December 13. Thus, the final day of Fall semester classes will be Thursday, December 12. The exams scheduled on Monday, December 16, through Friday, December 20, will remain the same.

The final exam scheduled for December 23 would have caused problems for faculty and students alike by conflicting with holiday plans. Also, if it snowed on the twenty-third, the make-up day for exams would have been on Christmas Eve.

This is the second time this semester that the final examination schedule has been changed.

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Adult Children of Alcoholics group meetings are held from 3:30-5:30p.m. on Wednesdays in rooms B26 and B27 of the Hammond Building.

S.A.V.E. (Students Against Violent Encounters) will meet every Thursday at 4:30p.m. in Counseling Services.

G.L.B.A. (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Alliance) is now holding meetings every other week on campus. If you are interested in joining please write to Box 1019 for more information.

Free peer tutoring in mathematics is available in the Mathematical Skills Center on the third floor of the Hammond Building. The hours are as follows: Monday - Thursday 11:30a.m. - 4:30p.m. and 6:30p.m. - 8:30p.m.; Sundays 6:30p.m. - 8:30p.m.

Teaching Certification Physical Exams are available for \$5.00 through Health Services. Call 345-2151 ext. 3216 for an appointment.

Final exams scheduled for December 23, are changed to Friday 13, making Thursday, December 12 the final day of classes.

Organization News

Club Comm / Med will be selling Christmas cards in G-Lobby on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday December 9, 10, and 11. The cards cost \$1.00 and have a special gift for the special people in your lives.

The 1991 SAXIFRAGE yearbooks are sold out. Remaining copies are part of the Archival Collection. Order your 1992 yearbook before May '92 Don't miss out! "Senior Special": \$20.00 with FSC I.D.

WXPL is sponsoring a Clue Concert Series. Admission is 25cents. Monies raised will be used towards purchasing a Christmas present for a McKay youth. Also, on December 13 WXPL will host "Can of Food" in conjunction with Our Fathers House in the FSC Pub. Lump and Citizen Warhead are performing. Please bring a can of food!

The Society of Technical Communication will meet in room A207 Thursday, December 12 at 1:30p.m. Elections will be held and anyone interested in becoming a member should attend this meeting. Underclassmen are also encouraged to join. For more information see Dr. Charles Sides.

S.S.A.M. amendment fails

by Steve Straight
 Strobe staff

The State Student Association of Massachusetts (S.S.A.M.) has failed in its bid to bring a proposed constitutional amendment before Massachusetts voters. The amendment would have mandated access to public schools and colleges for every state resident.

The signatures of more than 70,000 registered Massachusetts voters needed to be collected and verified by November 30 in order for the amendment to reach the polls. In a telephone conversation, S.S.A.M. executive director Joseph Langis described some of the difficulties the organization

faced. "It was a Herculean task," he said. "We needed a lot more manpower than we had."

Drafted just this past August, the amendment had to clear the offices of the Attorney General and the Secretary of State before the signature drive could begin. Hopes were high when the amendment's language was approved by the Attorney General's office without revision, but that still did not leave the group enough time.

In spite of its failure to obtain the necessary signatures, Langis was encouraged by the ties that were formed because of it. Endorsement of the petition came from groups such as the Mass

Teachers Association, the Mass Federation of Teachers, the Mass Association of School Superintendents, and the Boston Teachers Union. The Massachusetts AFL-CIO also endorsed the petition.

The S.S.A.M. recently filed twenty separate pieces of proposed state legislation. Among other things, these laws would tie state college fee and tuition increases to the rate of inflation, and create a lottery solely to benefit higher education.

Langis said that he had not given up hope for the S.S.A.M. amendment. When asked, he responded that "we may try it again in two years."

Voices echoed in Boston

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A keynote speaker at the rally was Mark Roosevelt, Chairman of the Education Committee in Massachusetts. Roosevelt offered his view of the state colleges' dismal state of affairs. "This is the time in America and the place in Massachusetts to be angry. You should be angry. We are in a league with borderline third world countries. We live in a declining economy. This is a version of class warfare. We are being divided between the rich and the poor. The only way we are going to prosper is by you and I. We have every right to be angry."

Also speaking at the rally was Majorie Clapprood, former state representative from Malden, who now works at WHDH, a talk radio station in Boston. She also ran for Lieutenant Governor with John Silber.

After the rally, students visited their representatives and senators to express their personal concerns about the issues at hand.

According to Senator Edward L. Burke from Framingham, there has been a 300 million dollar increase in tuition over the last ten years, mainly due

to the declining support from the government. "Health care, such as AIDS research brings more influence on the political process, therefore there is more support for health and less on education."

Other reasons for the decline in financial support from the government are shrinking revenue, a larger debt service, more pensions, and spending more money on jails and prisons.

Senator Burke believes that the state legislature should not be involved in planning the educational system for the state. "It would be best if those in the State House were left out of it."

Senator Burke also stressed that only a small percentage of 18-25 year old people voted. "If more people voted, then higher education would have a better chance."

FSC Junior Class Representative Ethen Becker thought that the outcome of the rally was effective and educational. "We were able to talk to our representatives and senators and let them know that we are concerned about higher education. People should not be afraid of them. People should make a

point to go to the State House. They should get in touch with them personally."

SGA's Public Information Director Shane Rodriguez felt optimistic about the rally. "People sent out the message that we are concerned about higher education. These issues can not be taken lightly. SGA has to convince students to be active participants. Weld's proposal will effect each and every student. The Massachusetts government really has declared war on education. Weld is making education for the rich and the elite."

Brian Callahan, SGA president, compared the current proposal with the ULowell and UMass merger this Fall. "I feel that the merger between ULowell and UMass was not beneficial to the students. ULowell was known for its engineering department and not for its liberal arts. I do not feel that the engineering department will get as much attention as it did in the past, therefore the student body will suffer." The fate of these two university's hopefully will not be used as guideline for the rest of the state college system.

Happy Holidays Happy Holidays Happy Holidays Happy Holidays

COMMENTARIES AND OPINIONS

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The viewpoints expressed on this page are not necessarily those of The Strobe.
Students are encouraged to express their views on this page.

Seize the day

by Eric Hellweg
Strobe staff

It's crunch time here at The Strobe, deadlines for the last issue have come and gone, and yet here I am attempting to churn out one last piece before break. Amidst the flurry of excitement and chaos that prevails here in the office as we attempt to shift the staff according to who will be here next semester, a small dose of holiday cheer has shown itself. Preparations for the annual Christmas party as well as a "secret Santa" brigade are being voiced. It is in this scenario that I have found some inspiration for this last piece.

The fresh faces of my colleagues are shining particularly brilliantly today, each filled with eager anticipation of the upcoming holiday. Some of these faces are shining for different reasons; they are preparing to go on internship, or the "home stretch" toward graduation. While the outside world may not be so cheery, with the economy still plummeting and the White House in shambles (a silver lining?), I am beginning to realize how much of an alcove college life truly is. The opportunities available to all of us during the relatively short amount of time that we spend here are limitless. Nearly every aspect of society is here for our benefit if we choose to investigate it. As much as I hate the crass materialism of advertising, I must quote a phrase from a popular ad, "Just Do It." What have we got to lose? Absolutely nothing.

The progress that can be made towards self-acknowledgment during the four (plus) years that we are here can only be compared to the technological explosion of the 20th century. At our disposal are scores of men and women who are leaders in their fields, who have dedicated their lives to helping us better ourselves. Let's use them! It's a shame that in a world that has been shaped by our elders, military might rules the land, not the only true measure of strength which is knowledge. Knowledge is power. We are in a unique situation in that we are free to do as we please, guided only by our instructors, and not yet confined by the nine to five working world.

The working world is about ready to claim some of my colleagues; some of my friends. They are eager and yet anxious, aware of the economic situation in this state and the country, but they are confident of their skills and abilities to compete. I am happy for them, and realize that one day it will be me who is faced with the prospect of internship and planning for graduation.

If we, as a generation, are going to change the society in which we live, we must first start by changing ourselves, knowing ourselves, and bettering ourselves. The opportunities for said changes can all be found here at good ol' Fitchburg State, be it in a classroom, in the library, in a hallway, or at a social gathering. We must open our eyes to them because they almost never present themselves to us. That is the intrinsic quality of discovery.

So, as we all prepare for our finals and the upcoming holidays, let's all reevaluate why it is that we are here. If you can't come up with an answer besides "to please my parents" or "so I can make a lot of money", perhaps you need to take a deeper look at yourself. Have a wonderful holiday, everyone, and seize the day.

Israel and the United States

By Steve Straight
Strobe staff

Those of us who are not Jewish (and even those of us who are) can become confused by our ambiguous feelings regarding Israel. Our common heritage with the Jewish people may cause us to impulsively defend Israel from any threat, real or perceived, that originates in the Arab world. On the other hand, we become frustrated with Prime Minister Shamir's obstinate stands regarding "land for peace", the cessation of Jewish settlements in the occupied territories, and instances of civil and human rights abuses toward Palestinians living in Israel.

In order to better understand what's going on, we should realize that the current situation in Israel has a number of important parallels in United States history. In times of war or economic hardship, Americans have often sought to suppress the civil rights of those felt to be responsible. Every major ethnic or religious group to come here has at one time or another been the object of popular scorn. They have found their numbers discriminated against, beaten, arrested, and killed. Their only crimes include having the wrong color skin or worshipping the wrong god or speaking the wrong language. Perhaps the most notable example of this was the internment of Japanese-Americans during WWII. More recently, most would agree that being black and on the streets of Weston or Wellesley after midnight is a crime. This "guilt by association" is the plight of Palestinians in Israel.

Israeli supporters will argue that Jews have suffered this same sort of persecution throughout their entire history, and to a far greater extent. This is undeniably true. They will also argue that the threats to Israeli security are real, not imagined. Again, I cannot disagree, nor would I dare to suggest that Israel forego any truly necessary steps to defend herself.

Discrimination against and persecution of any people because of race or religion is a practice that many Americans find distasteful. With the majority of world sentiment against her, Israel needs to display an attitude of compassion and forgiveness, even though that same spirit has not historically been shown to her.

Actions of this sort may be construed as a sign of weakness by Israel's enemies, but it would be a very encouraging sign to many Americans, upon whose tax dollars Israeli security is so heavily dependent.

Amnesty is asking all students to write third world governments pleading for the immediate release of all hostages. The three political prisoners listed below are not going to celebrate Christmas this year!

Aung San Suu Kyi has been under house arrest since July 1989 in Myanmar (formerly known as Burma) because she is considered a political threat by the military government. She is the Secretary General of the National League for Democracy (NLD), Myanmar's largest legally recognized political party that won more than 80% of the votes in the May 1990 public elections. However, power is not held by the NLD, but by the military authorities who staged a coup in 1988. The NLD has held memorials for students killed by the military and organized rallies at which Aung San Suu Kyi called for non-violent resistance to martial law. On July 19, 1989, Aung San Suu Kyi's house was surrounded by military troops and she has remained under house arrest since that time. On October 14, 1991, Aung San Suu Kyi was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. Amnesty International has called for her unconditional release.

Please send cards informing Aung San Suu Kyi of your support for her and other prisoners of conscience in Myanmar to the following address:

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi
54-56 Tekkatho (University) Avenue
Bahan Township
Yangon
Myanmar (Burma)

Edward Oyugi: Kenya

Edward Oyugi, a professor of educational psychology at Kenyatta University, was arrested along with three friends on July 12, 1990 and charged with "holding a meeting with seditious intent." Their bail applications and complaints of torture were ignored for a year before they were convicted in July 1991 of holding a seditious meeting. All four were sentenced to seven years in prison and are reportedly being held in solitary confinement. Amnesty International considers Edward Oyugi and the three other men- George Anyona, Ngotho Kariuki, and Augustine Kathangu- to be prisoners of conscience and is calling for their release.

Please send greeting cards to each of the men at:

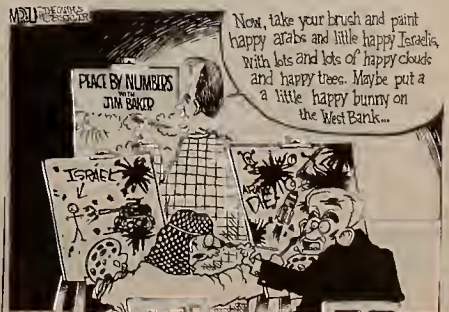
(Prisoner's Name)
Naivasha Maximum Security Prison
P.O. Box 146
Naivasha
Kenya

Riad al-Turk

Riad al-Turk, a 60 year old lawyer, has been imprisoned since October 1980 without charge or trial for his non-violent political activities. Held incommunicado, he has not been allowed to see his wife or children during his imprisonment. He is reported to have been severely tortured at various stages throughout his detention. Earlier this year, he fell into a coma as a result of kidney failure. After 15 days in the hospital, he was returned to the Military Interrogation Branch in Damascus where medical facilities are said to be inadequate to allow proper monitoring of his condition. Amnesty International considers Riad al-Turk to be a prisoner of conscience and seeks his immediate release.

Please send messages of encouragement to:

Riad al-Turk
Military Interrogation Branch
Damascus
Syrian Arab Republic



Sturges displays photography and courage

by Michelle Long
Strobe staff

"I'm an artist, a photographer. I am just a guy," Jock Sturges spoke these modest words in the Visiting Artists and Lecturers Series sponsored by the Communication Media Department.

Sturges' work consists primarily of children and adolescents on nude beaches. These photos were shot with permission and were not posed.

Due to the subject of his photos, Sturges' home was raided by the FBI. This raid led to an investigation that lasted over a year. He was never formally charged. Instead, thousands of negatives and equipment were seized, his enlarger was dropped, and his fine art prints were damaged.

It was a "stunning shock when the FBI came," he said. "It was like a nightmare I couldn't wake up from. The police were



Sturges speaks with photo students

unbelievably offensive...It never occurred to them that I may be an artist."

Sturges describes his work as "serial," because he photographs the same subjects year after year. Before photographing a subject, Sturges spends a month getting to know them.

"My photographs are not anonymous, friendship and trust are a large part... These people are part of my life, my extended family," said Sturges.

Sturges' photographs displayed at the series were sensitive and beautiful. The photos left a lasting impact on some stu-

dents who met with Sturges during the afternoon.

Joanne Fitzgerald, a senior photo major described Sturges as "very real, and very down to earth. His work has so much feeling to it."

Rob Comeau, another photo major was very im-

pressed by Sturges' work. Comeau said, "for him to be portrayed as a child pornographer is absurd. His work is natural, sensual, there is a truth to it, a humanness... if that's a word."

Sturges feels he has become a reluctant hero. He has taken his place in the censorship and the arts debate. "The art world helped me out... artists, painters, people I've never met. They helped me and I owe them," said Sturges.

Sturges agrees that his experience has changed him and his work. He takes less frontal nudes due to FBI censorship. The subjects of his photos have required him to be more restrictive in his work.

The affair definitely was a learning experience for Sturges. "Sure I won, the FBI went away, but an investigation like this you can't win. If I was guilty of anything, it was being naive."

Michelle Long

Beyond Id escapes local circuit

by Kevin Robertson
Strobe staff

In the last three years there has been an explosion of bands coming out of Fitchburg. At the forefront of this hot music scene is a band called Beyond Id.

The band was started by drummer/manager Jacques Lambert and guitarist/vocalist Dan Cray. Realizing their need for a bassist they incorporated John Hunt and began to work on forming their sound. John left the band for a year to go to Germany to study film. He was replaced by bassist Rod Murphy. Soon they began playing at local Boston night clubs such as Rat, Axis and Edible Rex. When John came back from Europe he took over his original position with the band and Rod was moved to the guitar position.

The band is becoming a hot item on the Boston College music scene. Their music, which is inspired by such bands as The Pixies and Dinosaur

Jr., has received some attention from a few big name acts. Their latest shows have included an opening slot for Buffalo Tom. They are also slated to share the stage with O-Positive on December 20 at Edible Rex. They have also received some calls from other New England area colleges. "We're getting ready to do a tour for six shows of different New York colleges, said Lambert. "Kind of funny that we can't get a gig at our own, eh?"

Each band member holds different influences which give the band an even more different sound than a typical college radio band. Dan attributes his playing style to Dinosaur Jr. and listening to industrial music on college radio stations. He also feels that the band's best asset is their ability to write lyrics. Jacques' influences range from the Velvet Underground to the band itself. The only influence the band can truly agree on is that of Marcel Lafebre, who is consistently present at all

their shows.

"We can't really be called rock n' rollers in the true sense of the words because we don't believe in the whole credo," explained Lambert. "We play music because we love to and because it's basically the only fun thing to do in Fitchburg."

"We also don't believe in the politically correct lyrics thing. The only thing we sing about that could be stated as such is apathy and we sing about our own. We feel it's better to go out and do things about societies problems than to write lyrics about them," said Lambert. "We try to have fun in the band and be as much ourselves as we can."

Whether your attitudes are politically correct or not, Beyond Id is definitely a band to see. Beyond Id is not out to solve every problem facing humanity. "We feel that preaching is for late night tele-evangelists. Our goal is to give people an escape from reality without dying from an overdose of something," said Lambert.

New national frat colonized

by Tim Brooks
Strobe staff

Sigma Pi is the newest national fraternity on campus. The fraternity currently has over 200 chapters spread throughout the United States and has a tradition nearly a century old. The Fitchburg State colony has over 40 members and is dedicated to academics, school involvement and community service. The brothers of Sigma Pi have volunteered time painting at nursing homes, cleaning up the Newman Center and many more community services.

Sigma Pi was colonized in early October thanks to the help of Fitchburg State College administration especially Dr. Ratto and President Mara. The great news of colonization was long awaited for Peter Russo who was a brother of Sigma Pi at

Bridgewater State College before coming to Fitchburg State.

Russo and the members of Sigma Pi have been relentlessly petitioning for colonization for well over a year. "It feels great to know that all the hard work paid off," said John Marshall a brother of Sigma Pi.

President Mara who has always supported Greeks at Fitchburg State, was pleased to hear the good news, "Excellent," said Mara, "I'm glad everything worked out for Sigma Pi." Mara went on to state, "Sigma Pi will definitely strengthen the Greek system at Fitchburg State."

Brian Callahan, president of the first class of Sigma Pi, agreed with president Mara. "We hope to strengthen the relationship between locals and nationals (fraternities) and bring the Greek system to a higher level of excellence."

Teach for America

Students offered training and support

by Maryann Rodrigues
Career Services

With the scarcity of jobs in today's market, many qualified graduates are finding no proving ground to utilize their skills and talents. Many people believe that inequality is rampant in America's school systems. A new program, Teach For America, offers graduates from every academic field an opportunity to make a difference in America's young people.

Teach For America began as a college thesis project and has developed into a working organization that is achieving the goals of its leaders. Graduates from education as well as non-education majors are recruited and placed in teaching positions in urban and rural communities throughout America. Some areas where Teach For America corps are sent include Los Angeles, New York, Baton Rouge, Texas and Arkansas. These locations have a persistent need for teachers and can be some of the most challenging positions available in the

country. Graduates commit to work for two years as salaried teachers in the program. Teach For America is in its second year of operation and will have its first "graduates" from the program in 1992.

Catherine Hottenrott, Director of Campus Relations at Teach For America, said, "The response to the program has been very good. We have sent four to five thousand applications to colleges and we are also receiving responses from people who have been out of school for a long time." The organization makes a particular effort to recruit individuals who are bilingual, those who have majored in math, science or a foreign language, and people of color.

Individuals are given training and support. A six week summer training program in Los Angeles prepares the corps prior to their assignments in the Fall. According to Hottenrott, "People have a pretty good idea of what they are getting into after their summer teaching positions. There are always occurrences that are not anticipated; however, people are well prepared for their assign-

ments." The teacher drop out rate is at the same level as first year teachers in the communities involved, according to Hottenrott.

Teach For America helps graduates with financial aid, information on deferring or canceling student loans, certification requirements and contacting an alumni network. The organization has been well received by the media and the communities involved in the program. Corporations and foundations have supported the organization to the tune of \$4.6 million for administrative expenses; school districts are responsible for payment of teachers.

The job Teach For America has set out to do is not always an easy one. Teachers are dealing with the problems of inner city life, language barriers and geographic isolation. The teaching corps can expect to receive "a tremendous awareness about education and many become advocates for children," according to Hottenrott.

If you would like more information about Teach For America contact Career Services where applications are available.

POLICE BLOTTER

Campus Police Officers from the FSC Office of Public Safety report the following incidents during the 2-week period ending December 1, 1991. Some are alleged incidents and others are still under investigation. Anyone having information that may assist Campus Police in their investigations are encouraged to contact them.

- Spray paint vandalism at the Athletic Field.
- Criminal charges filed at District Court against a student on one count of "Accessory After the Fact" stemming from an incident in September.
- Officer responded to medical call involving staff person experiencing abdominal pain.
- Two non-students arrested at the Civic Center and each charged with "Minor Transporting Alcoholic Beverage" and violation of the City's "Opened Contained" Ordinance. At November 21 Court appearance, both admitted to sufficient facts, continued without a finding for 6 months, \$100 fine.
- Student arrested and charged with "Illegal Possession of Class D Controlled Substance". At November 21 Court appearance, he admitted to sufficient facts, case continued without a finding for 6 months, \$100 fine.
- Officers responded to a report of a large fight at Russell Towers and assisted RA's in quelling things down. Officers were called back an hour later for the same problem. One student placed in Protective Custody (intoxicated).
- Criminal charge filed at District Court against a student for "Disorderly Person" stemming from an incident in October.
- McKay youth reports that he was assaulted by two other McKay youths as they walked home from school.
- Vandalism to motor vehicle parked in North Lot #1; antenna broken off.
- Vandalism to state property; car knocked over parking lot sign on Authority Drive.
- Student reported that her textbook had been stolen; book recovered later the same day.
- Vandalism to motor vehicle parked in North Lot # 1; windshield smashed.
- Fight between 4 spectators at Civic Center Hockey game. Officers separated individuals, taking one person back to Campus Police Station.
- Larceny of police equipment; item recovered the same day.
- Officers responded to a report of a large fight outside of Russell Towers; nothing there upon officers' arrival.
- Russell Towers resident reportedly attacked off-campus by two locals. Student taken to Burbank by friend.
- Fire Alarm at Russell Towers caused by a fire extinguisher being maliciously discharged.
- Car towed from Herlihy Hall fire lane.
- FSC male arraigned at District Court on one count of Rape stemming from an alleged incident on November 1. Alleged victim is also an FSC student.
- Resident Hall student reported being assaulted by another student.
- Female student reported being followed by male operating a red motor vehicle. Officer made contact with this person and advised him to leave the college area.
- Vandalism to car parked in North Lot # 1; window smashed.
- Student reported the theft of a leather jacket from the Hammond Building.
- Vandalism in the Hammond Building; racial harassment.
- Fire alarm at Herlihy Hall; pull station activated caused from firecracker smoke.
- Female student reported that she had been verbally harassed by a male student.
- Fire alarm at Aubuchon Hall; malicious false alarm.
- Vandalism in the Hammond Building; racial harassment.
- Report of a suspicious person sleeping in Anthony Building. Officers made contact with subject (homeless person) and directed him to Our Father's House.
- Officers dispersed a large crowd of people from the North Street Lot; non-students attending local party.
- Fire alarm at Condiak Science Building; no apparent cause.

WINTER INTERSESSION 1992

January 2 - January 17

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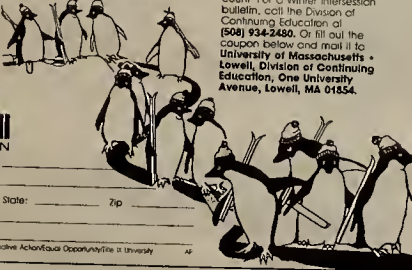
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The Strobe would like to wish the FSC community happy holidays. We also wish students good luck with their upcoming finals. Please drive safely during this holiday season.

Happy New Year!

State colleges in trouble

(continued from page 1) the 300 plus students who would have to migrate there from FSC.

"Worcester State doesn't have the utilities to handle that many students," said Gilbert, adding that many valuable facilities at FSC would be wasted including the Nursing Lab, which serves as a make shift hospital for nursing students.

Brain Connell, Student Government Association president, believes that this is only the beginning, stating that many other programs could possibly follow.

"The nursing program is the only program which has been discussed seriously by the Commission, but more will definitely follow," Connell stated.

Connell doubts the

Future Commission's motives for making such an amendment to the state college system.

"Going through their proposals, I have been unable to locate one issue that would actually save the college money," he said. "These changes would only succeed in ruining the quality of education, if anything."

Connell stated that this past meeting at the State House was only the "tip of the iceberg", in terms of future protests, which are currently being organized.

Students are encouraged to voice their opinions by writing to their local state representatives by the first of the year, before a final draft of changes is submitted to the governor by the Futures Commission.

Grateful Dead shine in Infrared

by Richard Mutti
Strobe staff

Those outlaws of rock n' roll, the Grateful Dead, have released another live disc, their second in two years. This time, however, the Grateful Dead had no real participation in the making of this one. "Infrared Roses" originated from an idea by one of their technicians Bob Barlove. Barlove is responsible for launching the group into the future with the use of MIDI. For those of you unfamiliar with MIDI, it is the process of taking analog sounds, such as voices, horns, flutes, and other noises, and integrating them with the band's instruments by putting these sounds on a digital chip. At any time, Jerry

Garcia or another band member can make his instrument sound like a trumpet or flute by flipping a switch on his guitar pedal.

"Infrared Roses" contains selections from the drums/space section of their concerts. You only hear the last few seconds of one song, or the first few of other songs. If you want to hear the hits, this is not the disc for you. If you would like to have an example of how the Grateful Dead creates their magic on stage, then do not hesitate to buy this one.

The selections on this disc were titled by lyricist Robert Hunter. The last cut, "Apollo At The Ritz," features Branford Marsalis on saxophone.

His swirling notes tied around the Dead's montage of music create an atmosphere of an exotic nightclub.

Another cut entitled, "River of Nine Sorrows," creates an atmosphere of floating down the Nile River on a hot day. The first track "Crowd Sculpture," is a walk through the parking lots at a Grateful Dead concert. In the background people are asking for tickets and other items while percussionists play bongos and still another strums on an acoustic guitar.

"Infrared Roses" may not be considered a classic live disc, but it reveals the experimental side of the band which has attracted millions of followers over the past 26 years.



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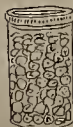
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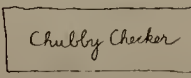
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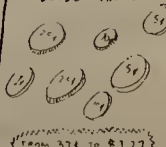


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You Jackass

To the Cambell's Soup kid
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Guess who?

To the Student Government
Association Council,
Thank you for a job well done
this past semester. Have a safe
and wonderful break you de-
serve it.
Brian J. Connell

Jake and Spike,
The mistletoe works, but don't
forget to roll up the rug.
Bean and Miss Lissa

Sweet Pea,
Here it is! You're long awaited
personal.
I hope that you have an awe-
some time at my formal be-
cause I'm going to!! Love you,
Grumpy bear

Thumper,
Sounds good to me! (sorry so
late)
Where's the 500 Q's?
Luv Frolic

Dickie,
How's your fiddy night com-
mitment? I can't believe you
traded me in for a new drinking
partner.
Your wife's favorite blonde

Tracy S,
Donuts and beer at Slats? 10:30
on Saturday morning is a little
early.

Cliff,
I am really going to miss you
next semester. We've been
through a lot. Thanks for all
your help.
Norm

Dave,
Hey Gramps! Do you need a
new oxygen tank yet?
Love Chris and Cathy

Gina, Lynn and Rae
You are the hottest, sexiest,
biggest breasted babes around.
Your manly drawings just want
to make me have total orgasmic
cold dreams.
Your lover

Lisa J,
You have made me realize
some important things this se-
mester. Fantasia could be a
cool time. Your phone will ring
during the break.
T.

Mary,
You're such a spaz but The
Strobe and tech writing
wouldn't have been the same
without you! Good luck on
finding your internship. I know
everything will work out for
you! Best of everything!
Kim

Rude awakening #605:
In 20 years no will care what
you G.P.A. was!!

Th 304, Re: Wendy
Do not use hairdryer while
sleeping

Jesus is the reason
for the season

Dot,
You are the only one that puts
up with me. I love ya
Dan

To all we know,
Have a very safe and merry
Christmas. Don't forget to hit
the folks up for money.
The Gavs

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J.D.,
Darlin'
If your nice to me
I'll be nice to you
If you treat me bad
I'm going to spilt
C.F.

Happy Holidays!
to all Strobe Staff members
- Production

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self!
Please help me, you suffering
bastards!
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Bill (cornbread),
Get out of bed! Now! Society
needs you!
Mike and Eric

Hey bubbs,
Bernup Berph Berph Berph
Berph um Berph
Beah Beah!

Irish Lady,
Well it is almost over. Good
luck.
Love Mike

Merry Christams! to my
Co-Perfection manager

Princess:
Gimme, Gimme, want, want
Love 8-20-87

Bob-30 Gage
I wish you were as interested in
finding out who I am as your
friends are. I guess some
things are just not meant to be.

Morgan-
Since when does slattery's
have dancing? And on the
tables at that!

ML-
Heard there's a lot of action at
The Strobe office. Maybe I
should stop by, and see you
there.
-T.S.

Scary Mary.
Thanks for the apprenticeship.
You are very talented and you
will go far. Stay in touch and
start eating!
Your good friend, Tim D.
Kane

To my KID brothers
Merry Christmas, I hope Santa
is good to you little kids.
Love, your KID sister

Gregg and Tim,
The yellow bird flies over the
moon in the Spring time.
Cathy

We were drunk, the keg was
drank.

Miche. (Tammy)
I know of some good land in
Maine you can buy cheap. You
can wear checkered Flannel
and raise children.
Love Mary

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Music Box

by Kristi Widberg, Unicia Young
and Dan McDermott

Scatterbrain "Scamboogery": Scatterbrain had gained prominence as the unofficial "comedians of metal" with their last release, "Here Comes Trouble." The new album, "Scamboogery," reassures that position. Scatterbrain satirizes everything from the music industry (scammed on "Tastes Like Chicken") to society (boogered on "Logie"). And with a tribute to everyone's friend the "Bartender," Scatterbrain covers a wide array of satirical ground. (A)

Little Angels "Young Gods": Little Angels is one of the more successful metal bands in England. They have a handful of top ten hits back home. "Young Gods" is their second U.S. release, and is very impressive. Little Angels has a unique hard rock sound that is meshed with horn sections and lyrics that have that happy, go-lucky orientation. The vocals of lead singer Toby Jepson are nothing short of chilling. The most ear catching tracks include the title track, "Radical Your Lover," and the Eltonesque piano performance on "Feels Like The World Has Come Undone." (B+)

Texas "Mother's Heaven": With their sophomore effort, Texas has mastered a moody and dark form of blues with an ominous edge. The band has produced some thought provoking songs arranged around intimidating sounds. Lead singer Sharleen Spiteri has an interesting voice, but it tends to lag and bore the listener. The music itself, however, is unique and promising. (B -)

Mr. Tung Twista "self-titled": Remember the days when you used to see who could say "Sarah sells sea shells by the seashore" the fastest? Well, now our childhood memories have achieved a new level in rap music.

There is a rapper in our midst who goes by the name of Mr. Tung Twista. When you first hear his song "Mr. Tung Twista," you will tend to listen to the words. Give it up, my friends, because this man is just too fast. After a few attempts to write down the words, you will waste a lot of paper and realize that you might as well dance to it.

This rapper is for all the people who have time to dissect a song in search of the words and true meaning. If you're in the mood for a challenge, to let loose and just dance, then this new artist is for you. (B+)



TEXAS - Richard Hynd, Ally McErlane, Johnny McElhone, Sharleen Spiteri, Eddie Campbell



SCATTERBRAIN - Mike Boyko, Guy Brogna, Glen Cummings, Tommy Christ, Paul Nieder

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Ten years of Matty's madness

by Dan McDermott
Strobe staff

Matt Siegel, prominent disc jockey at KISS 108 FM, recently celebrated his 10th anniversary of morning duty with the station.

"It's fun, fresh, and great to wake up to," said Siegel of his morning show. "The show is comedy driven, with lots of jokes, ad libs, and a touch of current events." Indeed, Siegel's KISS program, "Matty in the Morning," has always been full of off-beat humor, slapstick antics, and interviews with

the hottest celebrities.

"I did college radio as a hobby" recalled Siegel, who was studying to be a teacher. "Someone told me I was too entertaining to be a teacher, because no one was learning anything. So I turned my attention over to radio."

Siegel's first radio job was with WDOS in Oneonta. In 1972, Siegel was hired with KWFM in Tucson, Arizona, an underground progressive rock station. "From there I tried something a little different," said Siegel, who accepted a position as a freelance producer

for Warner Records. It wasn't until 1977 that Siegel first worked in Boston radio.

"In 1977, I came to Boston on vacation and stumbled into an opening with WBCN." A successful morning show with WBCN led to a job with Channel 5, hosting a night show called "5 All Night." KISS 108, in search of a morning dj, contacted Siegel for the task. "Actually," said Siegel, "they wanted to bring in Charles Laquidara."

"The stuff we do is real. I'm myself."

Siegel has been with KISS's morning staff for ten very entertaining years. "I started in radio because I loved it," commented Siegel. The love for his work is reflected in the suc-

cess of his morning show. "Radio is much harder than I daydreamed it would be," said Siegel. "You have to work hard and try to enjoy it."

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Little Man Tate

Foster finds success with directing

by Tara Kerrigan
Strobe staff



Jodie Foster makes her directing debut in "Little Man Tate" from Orion Pictures. "Little Man Tate" opened in theaters on October 18 and is still doing well at the box office. The film stars Academy Award winning actress Jodie Foster, along with Dianne Wiest, Harry Connick Jr., and Adam Hann-Byrd. This film is produced by Scott Rudin and Peggy Rajski, from an original screenplay by Scott Frank. Randy Stone is the executive producer and Mark Isham constructs the musical score.

"Little Man Tate" tells the story of a seven year old boy, Fred, who has an extraordinary gift of intelligence. Like many people with the same gift for super intelligence, Fred has difficulty living with this gift. He struggles to fit in and be happy. His mother, played by Jodie Foster, is a working class mother who does everything she can to help Fred live a normal life. Dianne Wiest, a brilliant child psychologist, has her own ideas on how this young gifted child should be brought up. These two women have conflicting views in regards to Fred's well being but they both make sincere attempts to care for him.

Jodie Foster is no less than professional in her first directing project. The acting in this film is convincing and sensational. The movie portrays the life of children who are different and segregated from other children. It is depressing to realize how lonely and miserable these children are. "Little Man Tate," although sad at times, keeps an upbeat tone. It drags in some parts but not to the point of boring its audience. This movie is both uplifting and comical. It is definitely worth viewing and recommended.



Jodie Foster as Dede Tate and Adam Hann-Byrd as Fred Tate.

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Neil Young plays the Chameleon

by Richard Mutti
Strobe staff

Many think of Neil Young as that old hippie singing those old country/folk hits from the 1960's. But devoted fans of Young's music know that he is somewhat of a chameleon in the music business. One year he plays 50's Doo-Wop and the next he's into 80's techno-pop. It's not surprising that last year's "Ragged Glory" featured Young and his band playing something completely different, crunch metal, or at least his version of what metal sounds like.

"Arc/Weld" is recorded from concerts on his tour earlier this year. Weld is the tow disc, a 16 song collection of old and new songs. Arc is a 35 minute compilation of song intros and endings drenched with enough feedback to make Sonic Youth put their hands over their ears. Though it is not the most entertain-

ing piece of music, Arc clearly makes a statement of what Young considers New Age Metal.

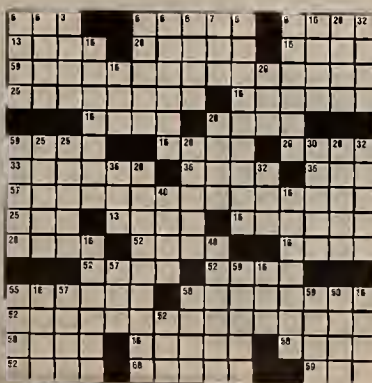
While Arc baffles fans, Weld surely entertains them. His first live disc in 12 years features many selections from his "Live Rust" release. The big surprise is the stirring version of Bob Dylan's "Blowin' In The Wind." During their tour, Desert Storm was raging in the Middle East and Young's show was filled with peace messages. Young even had a giant microphone with a large yellow ribbon tied around it. This song begins with the sounds of bombs exploding with air raid horns blaring in the background. Neil renders a slow and very emotional version of this Dylan classic.

Other highlights are "Rockin' In The Free World," from 1989's "Freedom," and "F*!#in' Up," from "Ragged

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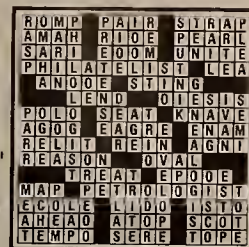
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Answers to last week's crossword



Weekly Crossword by Norton Rhoades

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!

THE STROBE
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Look for our next issue in February!

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How do you feel about the proposal to move the FSC nursing program to Worcester State?



I don't want to see it happen. I chose Fitchburg State for the nursing program.
-Tara Sparkes '95



It really stinks. I picked this school because I liked it. I came to Fitchburg State because of the reputation of the nursing program.
-Kami Fernandez '93



I think it is good because all the nursing students will be together, but I think it is bad because a variety of students will be forced to transfer.
-Rene Cave '94



I don't think it is a good one because Worcester State is not as adequate. FSC is known for its nursing program.
-Suzanne Lemay '95



I feel FSC has an excellent nursing program. It would disappoint me to see it leave. I am happy with the staff and the facilities that Worcester State does not have. It is an unreasonable situation.
-Amy Ferioli '94

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A return to Europe

by Randy Roche
Contributing writer

The rock group Europe returned to the music scene after a significant absence, which many felt was the end of the once prominent band. They are definitely making their presence known with their new album "Prisoners In Paradise." It's a change of pace for the band after their disappointing album "Out Of This World." They are trying to restore confidence among their fans with an album that has as much potential as their second, and most popular album, "The Final Countdown."

This is the second album without guitarist John Norum who left after recording "The Final Countdown." Europe tested out new guitarist, Kee Marcello, on their last album. Unfortunately,

the album sales show that "Out Of This World" was a failure. Perhaps it wasn't a good recording of Marcello's guitar work since he shows promising ability on the new album. His guitar playing is impressive and he mixes well with the rest of the band. His performance in their first single "Prisoners In Paradise" is moving. Marcello carries his creative guitar style into the songs "Bad Blood," "Talk to Me," and "Seventh Sign."

The album as a whole is very good. The contributions from all the band members are important. Singer Joey Tempest is at his best on such songs as "Halfway to Heaven," "Homeland," and the powerful ballad, "I'll Cry For You."

Keyboardist Mic Michaeli proves he still has what it takes. His keyboarding is as good as it was on "The Final Countdown."

The single "Prisoners In Paradise" is slowly moving its way up the charts. It's about real life and how tough it is to make it out there. The prologue to the song consists of creative guitar playing with voices of children and young adults saying what they want to do with their lives. The song is incredibly moving and really makes you think.

Expect to see the ballad "I'll Cry For You" to be the next single released by the band. It's a very powerful ballad about a man whose love has died, and is trying to bring himself back together. It may not have as much of an effect as the ballad "Carrie" had on the public, but it has top 10 potential. Also look for

possible releases of the songs "Homeland" and "All or Nothing." "Homeland" is a semi-ballad about the dreams children share with their friends. It's about thinking back to those times and wishing that they would have never ended.

Europe has distilled any doubts their fans may

have had. The new album shows that they are still willing to give it their all.

If you had any doubts about Europe after their previous album, put them aside and pick up "Prisoners In Paradise." The album is very moving and impressive.

Neil Young

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Glory." The song "Tonight's the Night," is the classic tale of the death of one of his former band members, Danny Whitten, who died from a drug overdose in the early 1970's.

The classics which were on his previous live disc include "Cinnamon Girl," "Cortez The Killer," and the popular

"Hey, Hey, My, My (Into The Black)." Young and his band perform these songs with more emotion than they did 12 years ago, which proves he's not just trying to pass the time playing "the hits" to please his audience. The music business needs more chameleons like Neil Young to make things a little interesting for us once in a while.

And the envelope please...

Fall All-Stars named

1991 Fall Award Winners

Mens Cross Country

Jason Cullinane	All-NewEngland III
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Rich Carabba	All-MASCAC
Francisco Hernandez	All-MASCAC

Womens Cross Country

Melissa Lombard	All-MASCAC-Champion
Maritza Rosario	All-MASCAC
Norma Mello	All-MASCAC

Field Hockey

Jennifer Kapenas	First Team All-MASCAC
Joyce Dunigan	First Team All-MASCAC
Gina Urbani	First Team All-MASCAC
Amy Kosiewski	First Team All-MASCAC
Kay Sato	Second Team All-MASCAC
Kristy Faugno	Second Team All-MASCAC

Football

Chris Gelinas	First Team All-NEFC
	First Team All-Worcester Area
Pat Keough	First Team All-NEFC
	First Team All-Worcester Area
Howie North	First Team All-Worcester Area
Phil Doherty	First Team All-Worcester Area
Dan Marrash	First Team All-Worcester Area

Soccer

Jason Malone	First Team All-New England
	NEISL All-Star
	First Team All-MASCAC
Mark Buron	First Team All-MASCAC
Mike Cirillo	Second Team All-MASCAC
David McStowe	Second Team All-MASCAC

Volleyball

Dawn Vieira	First Team All-MASCAC
Vicki Camacho	First Team All-MASCAC

Indoor Track off and running

The Indoor Track season starts this week with a meet against W.P.I., Bentley and Tufts. The team will try for a top five finish at the N.E. Division III Championships later this year, and has some outstanding athletes who will contribute to this goal:

Sprints: All-American Captain Jeff Moda returns to defend the All-New England 200 meter title. Moda is one of the best all-around sprinters in New England, and is looking to qualify for the Indoor Nationals. Joining Jeff will be newcomer James Dittami, who, in spite of early injuries, is hoping to contribute to a successful season. Freshman Matt Kilroy will also compete in sprints (as well as hurdles) and is expected to be competitive.

Middle Distance: This field is made up of freshmen Jim Devine, Eric Selinga and Jim Darcangelo. Coach Sheehan feels that this trio has a lot of potential and are surely an asset to this year's squad.

Distance: FSC is fortunate to have some outstanding distance men returning. All-American Captain Jason Cullinane is one of the most versatile distance runners in New England. Cullinane will defend his ECAC title, and is looking forward to the Indoor Nationals. Joining Cullinane will be MASCAC 10K champ Francisco Hernandez, and MASCAC 5K champ Rich Carabba. All three recently went one, two, and three in the MASCAC Cross Country Championships, and were named to the All-Conference Team. Newcomer Kevin Morris will be a welcome addition, thus giving FSC an outstanding distance corps.

Jumps: Senior Captain Chris Smith leads some outstanding athletes in this category. Last year, Chris competed successfully in the Pole Vault, Long Jump, High Jump, 400M and Relays. Scott McCabe, the defending MASCAC Pole Vault champ returns, thus giving FSC two of the most competitive vaulters in the division. Newcomers Frank Legros (High Jump) and Jim Darcangelo (High Jump-Long Jump) give much needed strength to this area, as MASCAC High Jump champ Jim Navin has been saddled with injuries and his status is unclear.

Throws: Freshman Jason Baldini heads this list. Jason will compete in both the Weight and the Shot-Put. Baldini has shown progress, and will gain his share of points. Kris Theriault, fresh off his football season, will learn the Weight Throw as he anticipates the outdoor season where he hopes to excel in the Javelin Throw.

Hockey team slipping

Ties Nichols, loses to Suffolk

by Keith Gentili
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The Fitchburg State hockey team ripped through their first four games, outscoring opponents by a 25-8 margin. The goaltending duo of Mike Maguire and freshman Ken Schawbe led the Falcons to a 4-0 record.

However things have recently fallen apart. A 2-2 tie to a tremendously weak Nichols team and a tough 4-3 loss to Suffolk has dropped FSC's most successful athletic program from first place in the ECAC North standings.

The Nichols game was a fiasco from the start. The defense had problems all game with the breakout, while the offense had trouble generating scoring opportunities. After being down 1-0, Danny McNabb scored to tie it up. Nichols answered when Falcon goalie Schawbe nonchalantly misplayed a dump in from just inside the blue line. This put Nichols ahead 2-1 and it stayed that way until the final seconds of the third period.

Throughout the third period, FSC did dominate play. They began to execute in all facets of the game. Their offense did pepper Nichols goalie Jason Collins, yet couldn't beat him for the equalizer. Then with Schawbe on the bench and forward Dave Greynolds on as the sixth man, the Fitchburg magic returned to the Wallace Civic Center. Tri-captain

Ken Venis set up behind the open Fitchburg net with less than 20 seconds to play. He carried the puck the length of the ice, taking it behind the Nichols goal and fed it out front to a situated Greynolds for the score. The Wallace faithful erupted and it appeared the victory was only moments away as the teams prepared for the OT.

But Collins, and the Nichols squad held tough. Although Fitchburg clearly demonstrated they were the dominant team, they just couldn't get the win. A win that would have been a charity victory for the Falcons didn't show in the early goings.

The same scenario played itself out in last Wednesday's game against ECAC North power, Suffolk University. The Falcons traveled to Boston but somehow left their talents on the bus for the first period, a period that spotted Suffolk a 3-0 lead.

The scoring started with an open Suffolk forward pushing across a Maguire rebound into the empty net. The second goal was redirection off a Falcon defenseman, and the third slipped under Maguire's arm. The period also saw Maguire pull a Suffolk player off defenseman Scott Livingston, who was left alone deep in the FSC end with three other Suffolk players looking on. Although Maguire was assessed the penalty, he clearly did what was best for the team. It's that kind of commitment to teammates that can build championships.

The period came to a

close, as did Maguire's night when Coach Dean Fuller went to the Schawbe for the remainder of the game. It was a move, a change, something to spare a team that was in dire need of a lift. But it may have been the wrong move. The long term affects of replacing a proven star (Maguire was 1990-91 ECAC North goalie of the year and recently named goalie of the week for his 45 saves in FSC's 7-1 win over Curry and 3-2 win over SMU) and replacing him with a freshman who looked lackadaisical in his last start can be devastating.

Maguire was coming off a game (SMU) in which his play prompted Greynolds to say "In all my year's of hockey, I've never seen a goalie so mentally into the game."

Maguire has committed himself to the hockey program since his arrival in '89, Schawbe was a junior in high school. With all due respect to Schawbe, who will mature into an outstanding goalie, the move may have been made a bit too hastily.

The Falcons did claw back against Suffolk, but again it was a case of too much too late. Dave Gecoya and Greynolds (2) scored for FSC. The final score was Suffolk 4, Fitchburg 3.

The loss dropped FSC to 4-1-1 for the season. The Falcons play five games during Christmas break, then return for the spring semester with seven straight home games.

Student athletes earn honors

16 Fitchburg State student/athletes were named to the 1990-1991 MASCAC All-Academic Team.

Congratulations to all for their excellence on and off the field.

Name	Sport	YOG
Denise Beilsle	CC/Track	91
Heather Ewing	CC/Track	91
Wendy Ewing	CC/Track	91
Kristy Faugno	Field Hockey	92
Linda Glover	CC/Track	91
Jennifer Kapenas	Field Hockey	92
Darlene Lane	CC/Track	94
Karen Langis	F. Hockey/S.Ball	94
Michelle Levesque	V.Ball/S.Ball	93
Mark Midden	CC/Track	91
Casey Nelson	Hockey	94
Helaina Paul	Basketball	91
Merrilee St. Onge	Track	93
Michelle Threadgold	Field Hockey	92
Diane Tower	Track	94
Debra Watters	Field Hockey	93

Men's hoop off to flawless start

by Eric Saczawa
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"We've been coming into the every game with fire in our eyes," said head coach Bob Bonci.

Through three games, no opponent has been able to extinguish the flames as the Falcons have run their record to 3-0, their best start since 1985.

"I told the team from day one, if they work hard, then good things will follow," said Bonci.

The Falcons opened their season against Curry in the friendly confines of Parkinson gymnasium. Co-captain Nelson Oliver poured in a game high 22 points and Jeff Black hauled in 13 rebounds in a 83-64 victory. Freshman Richard Harding dished out six assists.

The team then traveled to Springfield to play Western New England College. Jeff Black's 23 points and 17 rebounds led FSC to a 70-55 win.

"They've always had a tough crowd to play in front of. Their fans taunt us to the limit," said Black.

The road show continued as Fitchburg went east to Boston to take on Wentworth.

Nelson Oliver scored 23 and again, Black controlled the glass. He finished with 12 rebounds and handed out six assists, as the Falcons ran their record to 3-0.

"We simply overmatched them," said Oliver.

Defense has been the key to the team's success. They have allowed an average of a mere 61 points per game.

"We're dominating the defensive boards," said Black, who has helped in leading FSC to a 3 to 1 advantage in defensive rebounds.

Another significant aspect of the defense's success has been their ability to steal the rock. They have averaged 11 steals per game, while only having it taken away three times this season.

"We play a mix and match zone defense. It's designed to cut off passing lanes and it's working," said Bonci.

Also contributing to the Falcon's tough defense is forward Mike Oliver. "He's always matched up with a forward bigger than he is," said Bonci. "And he has done an incredible job shutting them down."

The team's offense has been executing, averaging 78 points per game. Leading the team in scoring is Nelson Oliver, averaging 20 ppg.

"He's been out of the two guard position for the past two years, but has returned this season and covered it like he never left," said Bonci. "He's always been a shooter."

Oliver needs just 85 points to reach the 1,000 career point plateau.

Mike Oliver credits the coaching staff for the teams fast start. "Coach Bonci and coach (Brian) Meehan work well together. They are not only coaching but teaching."

Black adds that the positive attitude is the reason for the best start since in six years.

"Everyone is getting along. We're all friends concerned about each other, not statistics."

The Falcons will open their conference schedule on January 14, at home against Worcester State. The team has high expectations while competing for the MASCAC title.

"Things haven't been going our way in past years," said Nelson Oliver. "But hopefully we can build on the program this year, and make it a successful part of Fitchburg State Athletics."

Falcon Droppings

Basketball leaders through three games.

Scoring			
Men		Women	
Nelson Oliver	19.7 ppg	Malane Perry	23 ppg
Jeff Black	14 ppg	Tina Sottile	12.7 ppg
Rich Harding	9.7 ppg	Megan Stephens	11.3 ppg
Rebounding			
Jeff Black	14 rpg	Malane Perry	15.7 rpg
Mike Oliver	4.7 rpg	Megan Normandin	7.3 rpg
Pat Williams	4 rpg	Jessica Jones	6.7 rpg

Lady Falcons win, win, win

by Steve Farley
Strobe staff

The Lady Falcons opened their 1991-92 season without last year's scoring machine Lynn Dorrow, who owns the women's all-time scoring record for Fitchburg State. Coach Steve Forte knew he had a big void to fill, not only in scoring and rebounds, but in showing the intensity and leadership of a winning team.

After their first week, forward Malane Perry has filled that void, as she has led the Lady Falcons to a 3-0 record. Perry had been averaging 23 points a game, including a school record 33 points in one game, as the team defeated WPI, 90-82, on

November 26. Perry has also filled the void in rebounds, as she is averaging 16 per game.

Assistant Coach George Martin said the team has seen a change in that "in the past, the team would rely primarily on Dorrow. But this year, we have more depth, we are more balanced out, and athletic."

Martin gives credit to veterans Tina Sottile and Jessica Jones, who "have been playing steadily and consistently throughout the first three games."

This year, the Lady Falcon's game has been speed. This allows them to pressure the ball constantly, wearing down the opponents late in the game.

Rebounding has also been a key factor for the team, especially defen-

sively, as they have been keeping their opponents from getting second scoring opportunities.

Other significant players to this year's team have been Megan Stephens and Megan Normandin. "Stephens adds depth and intensity to the team, and Normandin sets the tone for defense."

The way they have been playing, the Lady Falcons could be on their way to breaking the FSC women's team record in wins. "Goal number one is to get 11 wins, which I think we are more than capable of," said Martin. "Beyond that, our goal is to reach post-season play, which we have a really good chance of doing as well."

FSC ahead in Smith Cup chase

In a place normally reserved for Salem State, Fitchburg State finds itself atop the standings for the Smith Cup. In fact, this marks the first time the Falcons have ever been in the lead for the Smith Cup, which has been awarded annually since 1973 to the top athletic school in the MASCAC.

Smith cup points are given based on each school's finish in the standings in each sport. Six points are awarded for first place, 4 for second, and 2 for third in round robin competition - 3-2-1 in tournament competitions (track and cross country).

FSC plays six fall sports and can earn a possible 30 points. The Falcons picked up 16 points in the fall season - .533 of the possible 30. Field Hockey, which tied for first, earned 5 points, Volleyball earned 4 for second place, Soccer earned 3 for its three-way tie for second, Men's Cross Country and Women's Cross Country each gained 2 points for their second place finishes.

The Falcons are trying to top Salem State, who have won the Smith Cup the last four years. The following lists the current Cup standings:

TEAM	PTS.	POSS.	PCT.
FITCHBURG	16	30	.533
Salem	15	30	.500
Westfield	12	30	.400
North Adams	7	24	.292
Mass. Maritime	4	15	.267
Framingham	8	36	.222
Bridgewater	8	36	.222
Worcester	2	36	.055

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